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Abstract:

EBac covers the 3 year upper cycle of the Luxembourg secondary school system, beginning with 11th class, and thus prepares pupils for their baccalaureate.

1 Blended Learning

Courses are organized in blended learning, about 75% is distance learning and about 25% is presence learning. eLearners and eTeachers meet at the beginning of each module, in at least 2 optional presence courses and for the final test.

2 Learning in a modular system

The curricula have been adapted to a modular system, each module being offered several times in a year's time and lasting for 8 weeks.

3 The online platform

Course materials are all online in specific webspaces per module, all published in a closed community hosted by the Luxembourg educational platform *mySchool!* (www.myschool.lu) More than mere text, the eLearners will find all kinds of illustrating media elements and interactive exercises.

This platform also provides free access to otherwise payable content, didactical material as well as communication and cooperation tools, such as calendars, mailing lists etc.

4 eTutoring and grading the pupils

The eLearners are assisted in their learning by their eTeachers and one personal eTutor. Two third of the eLearners' evaluation in a module is via the final test, which is written in a presence meeting. One third of the evaluation is via a personal ePortfolio where the eLearner posts all his work in a specific module. The eLearning will get close feedback by his eTeacher and his eTutor and thus can readapt his postings in a bloglike way.

5 Further information

The eBac is operational since October 2006 and offers courses for the 11th and 12th classes. Courses for the baccalaureate year will commence in October this year.

For detailed documentation please refer to www.ebac.lu.

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